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1. SCIATT PROVIDED US POSITION AND BACKGROUND PAPERS ON SUBJECT RESEARCH TO ARNE ENGSTROM, SCIENCE ADVISOR TO GOS, ON APRIL 19, 1974. SUBJECT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED TWICE WITH MFA OFFICIAL WHO IS MEMBER OF SWEDISH DELEGATION TO LOS CONFERENCE AND ONCE WITH ROYAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.
2. MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AS DISCUSSED IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' REPORT ENTITLED "INFOR FORENTA NATION-ERNAS TREDJE HAVRATTSKONFRENZ" (BACKGROUND PAPER FOR THE UN'S THIRD LOS CONFERENCE), PAGES 77-83, MAY BE REGARDED AS SWEDISH DELEGATION'S BASIC POSITION ON SUBJECT.
3. SWEDISH ATTITUDE MAY BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. THERE IS NO REASON TO CHANGE EXISTING RULES FOR CONDUCT OF MARINE RESEARCH (1958 CONTINENTAL SHELF COMMITTEE).
 - B. ALL MARINE RESEARCH WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL SEA SHOULD BE ENTIRELY SUBORDINATED TO THE COASTAL STATES' AUTHORITY.

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C. MARINE RESEARCH OUGHT TO BE STIMULATED AND NOT IMPEDED

BY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION. CONTROL OVER RESEARCH ON HIGH SEAS IS UNDESIRABLE.

D. SWEDISH DELEGATION EXPECTED TO SUPPORT PROPOSALS AIMED AT PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN MARINE RESEARCH, PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, DISSEMINATION RESEARCH RESULTS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS, AND IMPROVEMENT LDC'S RESEARCH FACILITIES AS WELL AS LDC'S ABILITIES TO USE MARINE RESEARCH RESULTS.

E. SWEDISH AUTHORITIES CONCERNED (ASSUMING ESTABLISHMENT INTERNATIONAL SEA BED AUTHORITY) WHETHER THERE WILL BE FULL FREEDOM FOR MARINE RESEARCH WITHIN INTERNATIONAL SEA OR WHETHER PERMISSION WILL BE REQUIRED OF THE "SEA BED AUTHORITY."

F. MILITARY MARINE RESEARCH SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED BY THE "SEA BED AUTHORITY" IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS ACADEMIC/SCIENTIFIC MARINE RESEARCH.

4. SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR TO SWEDISH DELEGATION IS DOCENT (ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR) JARL-OVE STROMBERG, MATHEMATICAL-NATURAL SCIENCES FACULTY, UNIVERSITY OF LUND. STROMBERG IS ZOOLOGIST AND HAS PARTICIPATED IN IOC MEETINGS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

5. NO BASIC DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE UNITED STATES ON MARINE RESEARCH ARE EXPECTED ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SPOKESMAN. STRAUZ-HUPE

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